

Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Rev. Michael A. Nagy of York, Pennsylvania.

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Journal Vote: Agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal of Tuesday, October 5, by a ye and nay vote of 340 yeas to 68 nays with one voting "present", Roll No. 481.

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Motion to Adjourn: The House rejected the Frost motion to adjourn by a ye and nay vote of 3 yeas and 423 nays, Roll No. 482.

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Quality Care for the Uninsured Act: The House passed H.R. 2990, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow individuals greater access to health insurance through a health care tax deduction, a long-term care deduction, and other health-related tax incentives, to amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 to provide access to and choice in health care through association health plans, to amend the Public Health Service Act to create new pooling opportunities for small employers to obtain greater access to health coverage through HealthMarts by a ye and nay vote of 227 yeas to 205 nays, Roll No. 485.

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Rejected the Rangel motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Ways and Means with instructions to report it back to the House with an amendment in the nature of a substitute that makes the bill consistent with the President's demand to preserve the projected surpluses until there is action on Medicare and Social Security solvency by a recorded vote of 211 yeas to 220 noes, Roll No. 484.

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H. Res. 323, the rule that is providing for consideration of both H.R. 2990 and H.R. 2723 was agreed to by a ye and nay vote of 221 yeas to 209 nays, Roll No. 483.

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Bipartisan Consensus Managed Care Improvement Act: The House completed general debate on H.R. 2723, to amend title I of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, title XXVII of the Public Health Service Act, and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to protect consumers in managed care plans and other health coverage. The House will consider amendments on October 7.

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American Folklife Center: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of Ms. Kay Kaufman Shelemay of Massachusetts and Mr. John Penn Fix, III of Washington to the Board of Trustees of the American Folklife Center in the Library of Congress.

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Senate Messages: Message received from the Senate appears on page H9474.

Corrections Calendar: The Speaker filed with the Clerk a notice requesting that H.R. 576, to amend title 4, United States Code, to add the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday to the list of days on which the flag should especially be displayed be placed upon the Corrections Calendar.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Four ye and nay votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H9417-18, H9428-29, H9430-31, H9473, and H9473-74. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10:00 a.m. and adjourned at 10:38 p.m.

Committee Meetings

USDA'S RUSSIAN FOOD AID PROGRAM

Committee on Agriculture: Held a hearing to review the USDA's Russian Food Aid Program. Testimony was heard from Representative Kaptur; the following officials of the USDA: Dan Glickman, Secretary; and Roger C. Viadero, Inspector General; and public witnesses.

ELECTRICITY COMPETITION AND RELIABILITY ACT

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy and Power concluded hearings on H.R. 2944, Electricity Competition and Reliability Act of 1999. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

SUBPOENA—ONGOING INVESTIGATIONS; BLOOD SAFETY AND AVAILABILITY

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, by a roll call vote of 10 yeas to 0 nays, authorized the issuance of a subpoena duces tecum to the Honorable Madeleine K. Albright, Secretary of State, to compel the production of the Circular 175 relating to the Committee's ongoing review of international agreements addressing the transboundary movement of air pollutants.

The Subcommittee also continued hearings on Blood Safety and Availability. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Health and Human Services: David Satcher, Assistant Secretary, Health and Surgeon General; and Kathryn C. Zoon, Director, Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research.

SEND MORE DOLLARS TO THE CLASSROOM

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Continued markup of H.R. 2, to send more dollars to the classroom.

Will continue tomorrow.

**STATE OF THE STATES: WILL Y2K
DISRUPT ESSENTIAL SERVICES?**

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology and the Subcommittee on Technology of the Committee on Science held a joint hearing on State of the States: Will Y2K Disrupt Essential Services? Testimony was heard from Joel Willemssen, Director, Civil Agencies Information Systems, GAO; John Spotila, Administrator, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, OMB; John Callahan, Chief Information Officer, Department of Health and Human Services; Shirley Watkins, Under Secretary, Food, Nutrition, and Consumer Services, USDA; Edward Hugler, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Information Technology and the Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary, Administration and Management, Department of Labor; and a public witness.

**IS CO₂ A POLLUTANT—DOES EPA HAVE
POWER TO REGULATE**

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on National Economic Growth, Natural Resources and Regulatory Affairs and the Subcommittee on Energy and Environment of the Committee on Science held a joint hearing on Is CO₂ a Pollutant and Does EPA Have the Power to Regulate It? Testimony was heard from Gary S. Guzy, General Counsel, EPA; and public witnesses.

U.S. POLICY TOWARD RUSSIA

Committee on International Relations: Held a hearing on U.S. Policy Toward Russia, Part I: Warnings and Dissent. Testimony was heard from David Swartz, former Ambassador to Belarus; and public witnesses. Hearings continue tomorrow.

**INTERNATIONAL RELIGIOUS FREEDOM—
STATE DEPARTMENT REPORT**

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on International Operations and Human Rights held a hearing on the First Annual State Department Report on International Religious Freedom. Testimony was heard from Robert Seiple, Ambassador-at-Large, International Religious Freedom, Department of State; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Resources: Ordered reported the following bills: S. 278, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain lands to the County of Rio Arriba, New Mexico; S. 382, Minuteman Missile National Historic Site Establishment Act of 1999; H.R. 2496, amended, to reauthorize the Junior Duck Stamp Conservation and Design Program Act of 1999; H.R. 2669, amended, Coastal Community Conservation Act of 1999; H.R. 2821, to amend the North

American Wetlands Conservation Act to provide for appointment of 2 additional members of the North American Wetlands Conservation Council; H.R. 2970, Rongelap Resettlement Act of 1999; and H.R. 3002, Resources Reports Restoration Act.

**BINATIONAL GREAT LAKES—SEAWAY
ENHANCEMENT ACT**

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment held a hearing on H.R. 2332, Binational Great Lakes-Seaway Enhancement Act of 1999. Testimony was heard from Albert Jacquez, Administrator, St. Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation, Department of Transportation; Joe Comuzzi, Member of Parliament, Canada; and public witnesses.

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY,
OCTOBER 7, 1999**

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: to hold hearings to review public policy related to biotechnology, focusing on domestic approval process, benefits of biotechnology and an emphasis on challenges facing farmers to segregation of product, 9 a.m., SR-328A.

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings on the ability of the Stockpile Stewardship Program to adequately verify the safety and reliability of the United States nuclear deterrent under a Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty; to be followed by a closed hearing (SR-222), 9:30 a.m., SD-106.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Energy Research, Development, Production and Regulation, to hold hearings on S. 1183, to direct the Secretary of Energy to convey to the city of Bartlesville, Oklahoma, the former site of the NIPER facility of the Department of Energy; and S. 397, to authorize the Secretary of Energy to establish a multiagency program in support of the Materials Corridor Partnership Initiative to promote energy efficient, environmentally sound economic development along the border with Mexico through the research, development, and use of new materials, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: to hold hearings on S. 188, to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to authorize the use of State revolving loan funds for construction of water conservation and quality improvements; S. 968, to authorize the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to make grants to State agencies with responsibility for water source development, for the purposes of maximizing the available water supply and protecting the environment through the development of alternative water sources; and S. 914, to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to require that discharges from combined storm and sanitary sewers conform to the Combined Sewer Overflow Control